TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FOURTH COUNCIL

FIRST SESSION OF 1106

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

Tuesday, 11th August 1931/the 26th Karkatakam 1106.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven thirty of the Clock with the President in the Chair.

The following members were absent :

1. Mr. I. C. Chacko.
2. Mr. L. J. T. Polgreen.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Action on the Report of the Unemployment Committee.

111. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken by them on the recommendations made in the Unemployment Committee's Report?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Report is under the consideration of the Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know whether Government have come to any conclusion with regard to any of the recommendations of the Committee?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Action has been taken on several recommendations. A. G. O. is in the course of preparation.

Alleged misappropriation in the Patents and Designs Office.

112. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was any case of misappropriation in the Patents and Designs Office of the Huzur Secretariat in the years 1105 and 1106;

(*b*) (i) whether it is a fact that one Mr. R. Krishna Aiyar of the Patents and Designs Office, Huzur Secretariat, has taken extraordinary leave ; and

(ii) when he applied for leave and till what date ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken by the Government in the matter ; and

(*d*) the name of the controlling officer of the Patents and Designs Office of the Huzur Secretariat in 1105 and 1106?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There were two cases in 1105.

(*b*) (i)) and (ii) No. Mr. R. Krishna Aiyar, B. A., B. L., Clerk, Secretariat, has been granted combined privilege leave and furlough for 10 months from the 1st Dhanu 1106 to the 30th Kanni 1107 and permitted to take up employment under the Travancore Chamber of Commerce.

(*c*) The matter was reported to the Government by the Controller of Patents and Designs. Mr. Krishna Aiyar has been placed under suspension and a full enquiry into the allegations against him has been ordered.

(*d*) 1. Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar, B. A., was the Controller of Patents and Designs till 12-8-1105.

2. Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai, B. A , B. L.,—
from 13-8-1105 to 4-5-1106 ;
from 20-6-1106 to 15-8-1106 ; and
from 8-11-1106 continues.

3 Mr. C. O. Madhavan B. A., B. L.,—
from 5-5-1106 to 19-6-1106 ; and
from 16-8-1106 to 7-11-1106.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether Government have called for the explanations of the officer concerned when these cases were found out ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : When was it done ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Soon after the defalcations were discovered.

MR. K KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know when leave was granted to him—was it after the discovery of the misappropriation or before ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : After.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know when the Controller of Patents and Designs made a report on this matter to Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot now say the exact date on which he made the report. I have not got the letter of the Controller of Patents and Designs here. The report was made a few months ago.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know the date on which the order of suspension was issued ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The order of suspension was passed on the 2nd of August 1931.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Controller of Patents and Designs has any responsibility with regard to this matter ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He is bound to control the receipt of revenue. He is responsible to see that all revenues realised in his branch are credited to Government.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether Government propose to take any action with regard to the dereliction of duty, if any, on the part of the Controller of Patents and Designs ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That matter will be considered.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether the accounts in the Patents and Designs Department have been subjected to check by the Account Officer ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is a simple account and it is not usual to have it checked by an outside agency.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether Government will order a general check of the accounts relating to the Patents and Designs Department ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : After the discovery of the first defalcation the accounts *were checked* in detail and then it was that the other defalcation was found out.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether the checking was done for the whole period ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether Government think it advisable to check the accounts for the whole period ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That will be considered.

G. O. re transfer of officers.

113. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have issued any orders to the effect that generally officers should be transferred once in three years ;

(*b*) if so, when ;

(*c*) whether they have subsequently ruled that the said order will not affect the officers of the Public Works Department ; and

(*d*) if not, the reasons for retaining the Executive Engineers in the same stations without being transferred ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) These questions do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*d*) The interests of the public Service did not necessitate such transfers.

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